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SUBJ: IRANIAN HELICOPTERS DOWNED BY USSR

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1. LOCAL PRESS JULY 19 AND 20 CARRIED PARS NEWS AGENCY STORY
OF DOWNING OF TWO IRANIAN HELICOPTERS IN SOVIET AIR SPACE
THREE WEEKS AGO. REPORTED BY REFTEL AND SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES.
STORY SAID BOTH HELICOPTERS HAD GONE ABOVE CLOUDS TO ESCAPE
WEATHER BETWEEN MASHAD AND SABEZEVAR IN NORTHEAST IRAN AND
STRAYED INTO SOVIET TERRITORY. SOVIET FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN
BOTH PLANES, DESTROYING ONE WITH LOSS OF ALL EIGHT ABOARD.
SECOND PILOT LANDED AND WAS LATER RETURNED TO IRANIAN AUTHORITIES.
SOVIETS WILL SHORTLY DELIVER THE DAMAGED HELICOPTER TO IRAN.
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2. SENIOR IRANIAN OFFICER CONFIRMED TO DAO JULY 19 THAT
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ONE PLANE SHOT DOWN IN AIR, OTHER FORCED DOWN. HE NOTED
CREW HAD NOT RPT NOT ACTUALLY BEEN RETURNED YET, BUT
THEY WERE EXPECTED BACK IN 5-7 DAYS. SPECULATION HERE
OVER REASON FOR DELAY IN GOI ANNOUNCEMENT CENTERS AROUND
IRANIAN EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE FOR RETURN OF CREW AND PLANE.
SHAH WAS APPARENTLY ANNOYED AND UPSET BY MISHAP. ONE OR
TWO FOREIGN JOURNALISTS HERE ARE SEARCHING FOR DEEPER

MEANING (SENSATIONAL BACKGROUND) BEHIND STORY, BUT BEST
INFO HERE IS THAT INCIDENT IS WHAT IT SEEMS TO BE. END
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